

**KENTUCKY UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY  
OFFICIAL PROPOSAL**

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Proposal #: **70**

Assignment: **D**

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Title: A proposal to enact regulations to reduce deforestation for countries who are members of the United Nations.

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Justification Clause: According to researchers, "Deforestation is clearing Earth's forests on a massive scale, often resulting in damage to the quality of the land. Forests still cover about 30 percent of the world's land area, but swaths the size of Panama are lost each and every year". Deforestation has many negative effects associated with it, including, but not limited to loss of habitat for endangered species, dramatic climate change, and resource eradication. Our proposal strives to lessen the effects deforestation has on the world by balancing the amount of clear-cutting that occurs to the amount of trees that are replanted. In addition, this proposal restricts the amount of acreage that can be clear-cut in a year, in order to provide time for the land to repair itself.

Section 1: Participating countries will be required to implement regulations associated with reducing deforestation; such as:

- Each acre of forest that is clear-cutted must be replaced with trees that will mature to the size and type of those that were removed.
- Countries may only clear-cut 1% of the forests in their country for the first three years. Each year after the percentage will be adjusted appropriately.

Section 2: Countries that are participants of the United Nations will be required to implement the regulations. Countries will be assigned an international officer who will be required to maintain an office their assigned country, in order to ensure regulations are enforced.

Section 3: This bill will affect countries who are members of the United Nations. Those countries who do not abide by the regulations will be fined. Countries will be fined \$250,000 for each acre eliminated beyond regulated standards. In addition, countries will be responsible for replanting and maintaining vegetation that were removed.

Section 4: The cost of the implementation of this proposal will vary based on country size. It is estimated that this proposal will cost on average \$500,000-\$1,000,000.

Section 5: This proposal will go into effect one year after passage.